

THE FALCON FLYER

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Dear Floral Street Families and Friends,

We hope that you had a wonderful week this past week and a wonderful start to the new year. We're back to our old format for the *Flyer* temporarily while we work out some issues with links, but want to thank you for the positive feedback on what we've been trying recently!

This week begins what is usually an especially productive period of time in the school each year. The relatively uninterrupted stretch of seven weeks of school that begins now can be especially useful for focused work and progress. We'll be reviewing our FACTS and CARES in the coming weeks and reinforcing some key ideas about **how effort is the most significant factor in achieving success**. As always, we thank you for your support as we look forward to the coming weeks.

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Important Notes:

Winter Weather

The very cold winter weather seems to be upon us. While we're likely to be inside for recess for the net couple of days, we do make every effort to have outdoor recess whenever possible during the winter months, including any day that the temperature (taking account of the wind chill) **20 degrees or above**. Please make sure your child(ren) have appropriate outdoor wear – thank you!

Parent Pickup

PTO

Emergency Contact Information/Elementary Handbook Sign Off

We still need your help making sure we have accurate contact information for all FSS families – please sign off on your information even if you have no changes.

Emergency contact information must be updated/confirmed for all students electronically. Parents may access the *Demographic Update* page to make changes and/or confirm your child's information via the *PowerSchool Parent Portal* on the Shrewsbury Public Schools website under *Quick links*. The link is: <http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/>

The Elementary Handbook can be found on the Floral Street School website at <http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/departments/index.php?fDD=12-0>. Please read and review with your child.

To make/confirm emergency contact information and acknowledge that your child has read and reviewed the Elementary Handbook:

- Go the SPS website
- Click on *PowerSchool Parent Portal*, and then again at the bottom of the page
- Sign in using your *Username* and *Password* (follow the *Account Creation Directions* if you don't have a *Username* and *Password*)
- Click on *Demographic Change* in the upper right corner
- Update your child's information
- Click the button at the bottom certifying your changes and acknowledging that you and your child have read and discussed the Elementary Handbook

The Elementary Lunch Menu can be found at any time at:

<http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/departments/division.php?fDD=20-17>

Important Fall Dates:

January 10	School Council Meeting (7:30 am)
January 16	No School – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
February 20 – 24	No School – Winter Vacation

The full district school calendar is available at on our homepage!